Polynomial Factoring solution (version 605)

1. The quadratic formula says if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. Use the quadratic formula to solve the following equation.

$$x^2 + 10x + 43 = 0$$

Simplify your answer(s) as much as possible.

Solution

$$x = \frac{-(10) \pm \sqrt{(10)^2 - 4(1)(43)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-(10) \pm \sqrt{100 - 172}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{-72}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{-36 \cdot 2}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm 6\sqrt{2}i}{2}$$

$$x = -5 \pm 3\sqrt{2}i$$

Notice that *i* in NOT under the square-root radical symbol!!

2. Express the product of 4+3i and -9+5i in standard form (a+bi).

Solution

$$(4+3i) \cdot (-9+5i)$$

$$-36+20i-27i+15i^{2}$$

$$-36+20i-27i-15$$

$$-36-15+20i-27i$$

$$-51-7i$$

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3. Write function $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 11x + 30$ in factored form. I'll give you a hint: one factor is (x-5).

Solution

$$f(x) = (x-5)(x^2+x-6)$$

$$f(x) = (x-5)(x+3)(x-2)$$

4. Polynomial p is defined below in factored form.

$$p(x) = -(x+8)^2 \cdot (x+5) \cdot (x+1) \cdot (x-3)^2$$

Sketch a graph of polynomial y = p(x).

